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Letter dated 1 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement issued on 25 September 2003 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union, concerning the security arrangements agreed by the Government of the Sudan and SPLM/SPLA on 24 September (see annex).

I should be grateful if the text of this letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Marcello **Spatafora**
Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations

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Annex to the letter dated 1 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Statement issued on 25 September 2003 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union, concerning the security arrangements agreed by the Government of the Sudan and SPLM/SPLA on 24 September

The European Union welcomes the agreement on security arrangements reached on 24 September by the delegation of the Government of the Sudan, led by the first Vice-President, Ali Osman Taha, and the delegation of SPLM/SPLA, led by the Chairman, John Garang. The agreement reached and the personal engagement of the two leaders augur well for the continuation of negotiations on the remaining outstanding issues.

The European Union encourages the parties to seize the momentum and to spare no effort to reach a final and comprehensive agreement.

The European Union reiterates its readiness to assist the parties in the implementation of the peace agreement and to accompany the Sudan on a path of peace-building, respect for human rights, democracy and development.

The acceding countries Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, the associated countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey and the EFTA countries members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.

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Letter dated 6 October 2003 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In accordance with Article 54 of the Charter of the United Nations, I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement dated 5 October 2003, issued by the Council of the League of Arab States at its extraordinary meeting at the level of permanent representatives concerning the dangerous situation resulting from the wanton Israeli aggression targeting a civilian site in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would draw the attention of the members of the Security Council to this letter and its annex and issue both for circulation as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Yahya A. **Mahmassani**
Ambassador
Head of Mission
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Annex to the letter dated 6 October 2003 from the Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Statement issued on 5 October 2003 by the Council of the League of Arab States at its extraordinary meeting at the level of permanent representatives

The Council of the League of Arab States convened an emergency meeting at the level of permanent representatives on 5 October 2003 at the request of the Syrian Arab Republic in order to examine the dangerous situation resulting from the wanton Israeli aggression targeting a civilian site in Syrian territory.

After hearing the account given by the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic and discussing the grave deterioration of the situation in the region,

And after taking note of the emergency convening of the Security Council in order to consider the Israeli aggression, the Council of the League wishes to state that it:

1. Regards this aggression as a serious escalation that threatens regional and international security and peace and poses grave obstacles that exacerbate the situation in the region and are likely to trigger a spiral of violence throughout the region; and requests the Security Council to assume its responsibility as the principal organ for the maintenance of international security and peace and to consider this matter under Chapter VII;

2. Condemns this Israeli aggression, which it regards as a further flagrant defiance of all international charters and treaties and of the principles of international law, and holds Israel fully responsible for whatever may result from this aggression;

3. Affirms its stand and solidarity with the Syrian Arab Republic and its support for such measures as the latter may adopt to defend its legitimate right to respond to such aggression, and calls upon the Security Council to intervene immediately to prevent Israel from pursuing its policy of provocation and aggression against the Syrian Arab Republic;

4. Calls upon the Security Council to bring an immediate and decisive end to organized State terrorism and Israeli occupation practices against the Palestinian people and against the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon, so that the entire region is not exposed to further escalation and instability;

5. Regards this aggression as confirmation of the aggressive nature of Israel and its Government, which continuously thwart all peace efforts and initiatives;

6. Decides to keep its session open in order to follow the developments in the situation and requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary contacts, in conjunction with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic and the permanent States members of the Security Council, with a view to following those developments.

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Letter dated 6 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your kind attention to the letter dated 4 December 2000 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2000/1153) transmitting the report of the inter-agency assessment mission to Kisangani pursuant to Security Council resolution 1304 (2000) of 16 June 2000.

The Security Council will recall that in its resolution 1304 (2000) it expressed the view that the Governments of Uganda and Rwanda should make reparations for the loss of life and the property damage they had inflicted on the civilian population in Kisangani, and requested the Secretary-General to submit an assessment of the damage as the basis for such reparations.

Document S/2000/1153 contains the findings of the inter-agency assessment mission concerning the events in Kisangani, including the fighting which broke out between the regular armed forces of Uganda and Rwanda in June 2000 and its effects on the population and the infrastructure of the city.

My Government is grateful to the Secretary-General for his assessment of the loss of human life and the material damage inflicted on the civilian population of Kisangani, and would request the Security Council to follow up the report of the inter-agency assessment mission, inter alia, by authorizing the United Nations to establish the financial cost of the events that took place in Kisangani in June 2000, in order to complete the ongoing process aimed at bringing justice to the people of Kisangani.

My Government calls on the Council to take action on this matter, and would be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a Council document.

(*Signed*) Atoki **Ileka**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 6 October 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit to you the text of the Quartet statement that was issued following the meeting of the Quartet principals — representing the United States of America, the European Union, the Russian Federation and the United Nations — at United Nations Headquarters on 26 September 2003 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Annex

Quartet statement

New York, 26 September 2003

Representatives of the Quartet — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini, United States Secretary of State Colin Powell, High Representative for European Common Foreign and Security Policy Javier Solana and European Commissioner for External Affairs Chris Patten — met today in New York.

The Quartet members view with great concern the situation in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, which has stalled implementation of the road map. The Quartet reminds both parties of the need to take into account long-term consequences of their actions, and the obligation for both parties to make rapid progress towards full implementation of the road map for peace. They reaffirm their commitment to President Bush's vision — shared by Russia, the European Union and the United Nations — of two States, Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security; and call on both Israelis and Palestinians to fulfil their obligations and responsibilities under the road map and the commitments both sides made to President Bush at the Red Sea summit meeting in Aqaba.

The Quartet members remind all sides that they have obligations and responsibilities to each other that must be performed. Each party must do more to immediately and simultaneously address the core concerns of the other, as described in the road map. The Quartet members reaffirm their commitment to the road map and to resumed progress by the parties towards its rapid implementation.

They condemn the vicious terror attacks of August and September carried out by Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade. They again affirm that such actions are morally indefensible and do not serve the interests of the Palestinian people. They call on Palestinians to take immediate, decisive steps against individuals and groups conducting and planning violent attacks. Such steps should be accompanied by Israeli supportive measures, including resumption of full security cooperation. They further call on all States to end the harbouring and support, including fund-raising and financial assistance, of any groups and individuals that use terror and violence to advance their goals.

The Quartet members affirm that the Palestinian Authority security services must be consolidated under the clear control of an empowered Prime Minister and Interior Minister and must be the sole armed authority in the West Bank and Gaza. Noting that the first Palestinian Prime Minister has resigned his post, they urge that the new Palestinian Prime Minister form a cabinet as soon as possible, and ask that Cabinet to recommit itself to the pledges made in the road map and at Aqaba. The Palestinian Authority must ensure that a "rebuilt and refocused Palestinian Authority security apparatus begins sustained, targeted, and effective operations aimed at confronting all those engaged in terror and dismantlement of terrorist capabilities and infrastructure".

The Quartet members recognize Israel's legitimate right to self-defence in the face of terrorist attacks against its citizens. In this context and in the context of international humanitarian law, they call on the Government of Israel to exert

maximum efforts to avoid civilian casualties. The Government of Israel must "take no action undermining trust, including deportations, confiscation and/or demolition of Palestinian homes and property, destruction of Palestinian institutions and infrastructure; and other measures specified in the Tenet Work Plan". The Quartet members call on the Government of Israel to take immediate steps to ease the humanitarian and economic plight of the Palestinian people, including through easing the movement of people and goods and ensuring access to international humanitarian organizations. The Quartet members reaffirm that, in accordance with the road map, settlement activity must stop, and note with great concern the actual and proposed route of Israel's West Bank fence, particularly as it results in the confiscation of Palestinian land, cuts off the movement of people and goods and undermines Palestinians' trust in the road map process, as it appears to prejudge final borders of a future Palestinian State.

The Quartet calls upon the international and regional community to continue to provide well-coordinated assistance to the Palestinian Authority for the implementation of reforms and institution-building and to consider steps that could be taken with respect to the socio-economic development of the region. The Quartet members will continue to follow closely the implementation by the parties of their obligations. The Quartet members will coordinate their efforts through regular meetings of Quartet representatives, as well as through discussion among the Quartet principals. The principals will next meet prior to the end of the year.

The Quartet members look forward to continuing to work closely together, as well as in association with regional parties, to help achieve progress, both between Israelis and Palestinians and towards the goal of a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East.